

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 9-13, 15, and 18-21 have been amended herein without prejudice.

Reconsideration of the present Application is respectfully requested in light of the present Applicant's Amendments and Remarks made hereinbelow.

CLAIM LISTING

Applicant respectfully submits the following claim listing and amendments to replace and supersede all previous claim listings:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing interactive communications services to a plurality of users using a corresponding plurality of user communications devices via a wireless network and a communications server wherein the use of said plurality of user communications devices ~~that~~ may degrade the performance of said communications services, said method comprising:

requesting state information from at least two of said user communications devices indicative of degradation of said initiated communications services after a predetermined temporal period;

receiving data indicative of said requested state information and detecting differences between said at least two user communications devices using said requested state information; and,

alleviating a perception of said degradation between said received data from the first user communication device and said second of said at least two user communication devices by smoothing said communications services using at least one of said user communications devices if differences detected exceed a given threshold.

Claim 2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising logging at least one of said users on to said wireless communications network.

Claim 3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising receiving for said communications services.

Claim 4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising identifying at least one of said plurality of users logged on.

Claim 5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, further comprising identifying a skill level associated with said communications services of at least one of said identified users.

Claim 6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising communicating said identified skill level to at least one other of said users logged on.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of Claim 4, further comprising retrieving data associated with said identified at least one other logged on use.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of Claim 4, further comprising retrieving data associated with said communications services.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said smoothing comprises adjusting a state of at least one of said user communications devices.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising querying at least one of said user communications devices to determine at least one capability.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining locations respectively associated with said at least two of said user communications devices.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, wherein said determining locations comprises receiving data indicative of said locations from said at least two user communications devices.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, further comprising establishing a peer-to-peer communications session associated with said communications services between said

at least two user communications devices if said locations associated with said at least two communications devices are within a given threshold.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, further comprising terminating said peer-to-peer communications session and uploading data indicative of said interactive communications services via said wireless communications network.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising querying said at least two user communications devices for data indicative of at least one capability.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said at least one capability comprises a processing capability.

Claim 17. (Original) The device of Claim 15, wherein said at least one capability comprises a display capability.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 15, further comprising determining at least one capability common to said queried user communications devices and using said common capability for said communications services.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising querying said at least two user communications devices for data indicative of respective signal strengths.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said requesting state information comprises querying said at least two user communications devices for data indicative of at least one latency associated with said wireless communications network, respectively.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said smoothing comprises adjusting a state of at least one of said at least two user communications devices to substantially match that of at least one other of said at least two user communications devices.

Claim 22. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said adjusting comprises snapping.

Claim 23. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising initiating said communications services.